Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel claim 30 without prejudice.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the above-identified application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously presented): A composition, comprising an organically intercalated phyllosilicate, wherein the organically intercalated phyllosilicate has been modified by treatment with at least one siloxane component and at least one non-anionic fatty acid derivative which has at least one aliphatic or cyclic radical having from 6 to 32 carbons.

2. (Previously presented): The composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the average particle size of the organically intercalated phyllosilicate is from 0.1 to 1000 μm.

3. (Previously presented): The composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the organically intercalated phyllosilicate comprises a ground organically intercalated phyllosilicate.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously presented): The composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the non-anionic fatty acid derivative is selected from the group consisting of the derivatives of saturated or unsaturated fatty acids, polymer fatty acids, and mixtures thereof.

6. (Previously presented): The composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the non-anionic fatty acid derivative has at least one aliphatic or cyclic radical having from 8 to 22 carbon atoms.

7. (Previously presented): The composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the fatty acid derivative derives from fatty acids having form 10 to 30 carbon atoms.

8. (Previously presented): The composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the fatty acid derivative is selected from the group consisting of hydrogenated derivatives, alcohol derivatives, amine derivatives, and their mixtures.

9. (Previously presented): The composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the fatty acid derivatives derive from the group consisting of polymeric fatty acids, keto fatty acids, fatty acid alkyloxazolines and fatty acid alkylbisoxazolines, or and their mixtures.

10. (Previously presented): The composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the siloxane component is selected from the group of oligomeric or polymeric siloxanes, siloxane derivativesincluding oligoalkylsiloxanes, polydialky-siloxanes, polyalkylarylsioxanes, polydiarylsiloxanes, and their mixtures.

11. (Previously presented): The composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the siloxane component comprises siloxane derivatives functionalized by at least one reactive group.

12. (Previously presented): The composition as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a component selected from the group consisting of ethylene-propylene copolymers (EPM), ethylene-propylene terpolymers (EPDM), thermoplastic elastomers, coupling agents, crosslinking agents, and mixtures of these.

13. (Previously presented): The composition as claimed in claim 12, wherein an average molecular weight of the EPM and EPDM of less than 20,000.

14. (Previously presented): The composition as claimed in claim 12, wherein an ethylene: propylene ratio of the EPM and EPDM ranges from 40:60 to 60:40.

15. (Previously presented): A substantially homogenous mixture of the composition as claimed in claim 1 with a polymer powder.

16. (Previously presented): A polymer-containing composition which has been obtained via compounding of the composition as claimed in claim 1 with a carrier polymer.

17. (Previously presented): The polymer-containing composition as claimed in claim 16, wherein the carrier polymer is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene-ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer (EVA), ethylene-ethyl acrylate copolymer (EEA), ethylene-methyl acrylate copolymer (EMA), ethylene-butyl acrylate copolymer (EBA), their maleic-anhydride-(MAH)-modified derivatives, ionomers, styrene-elastomer systems, ether-ester block copolymers, polyether-polyamide block copolymers (PEBA), mixtures of thermoplastic polymers, thermoplastic polyurethane elastomers, thermoplastic silicone rubber, and their mixtures.

18. (Previously presented): The polymer-containing composition as claimed in claim 16, wherein the carrier polymer comprises from 10 to 90%.

19. (Previously presented): The polymer-containing composition as claimed in claim 16 in pellet or granular form.

20. (Previously presented): A filler in polymers or polymer compositions comprising the polymer-containing composition as claimed in claim 16.

21. (Previously presented): A filler system for polymers or polymer compositions comprising the polymer-containing composition as claimed in claim 16.

22. (Previously presented): A material comprising the filler system of claim 21 in combination with a flame-retardant halogen-containing or halogen-free filler.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Previously presented): The material as claimed in claim 22, wherein the halogen-free flame-retardant filler is selected from aluminum hydroxide, aluminum oxide hydrate (boehmite), magnesium hydroxide, magnesium oxide, brucite, magnesium carbonate, hydromagnesite, huntite, bauxite, calcium carbonate, talc, glass powder, melamine isocyanurates, their derivatives and preparations, borates, stannates, and hydroxystannates, phosphates, and their mixtures.

25. (Previously presented): Engineering plastics and their mixtures, and alloys containing the filler of claim 20.

26. (Previously presented): Elastomers and thermosets containing the filler of claim 20.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Previously presented): The composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the non-anionic fatty acid derivative is selected from the group consisting of fatty alcohols, fatty amines, triglyceride esters, alkyl esters of fatty acids, and waxes and mixtures thereof.

29. (Previously presented): The composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the non-anionic fatty acid derivative has at least one aliphatic or cyclic radical having 10 to 18 carbon atoms.

30. (Cancelled)